

LCF Volunteer Newsletter



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A Word From Winkelbauer



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The holiday season is in full swing. Thanks to all the volunteers who brighten this time of the year for the offenders through the programs and treats that you provide. Your actions embrace the concept of sharing during this time where everyone seems to be going a hundred miles an hour to accomplish everything they want to get done.

The facility is undergoing a phone system change that will be effective December 17, 2009. The main switchboard number will remain the same but extension numbers within the facility will change. We are going from a four digit extension to a five digit extension. If you currently know the extension numbers that you call, all you need to do is add "5" to the beginning. As an example, Renda's current extension is

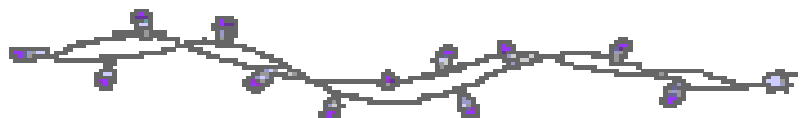
7246 after the 17th it will be 57246. If you forget, you will still be able to access staff through the switchboard operator.

I announced Chaplain Richard Dunn's return to LCF at the volunteer training held in November after having served a tour in Iraq. We were glad to have him back. Duty calls Richard once again and effective January 4, 2010 he will be serving as the Kansas State Chaplain for the Guard. He will be gone for a year. While he won't be deployed overseas, he will not be part of the LCF team. Please keep Richard in your thoughts as he continues to serve his country.

As always, thanks for the valuable service you provide the offenders at LCF. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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Volunteer Training- - - -

We are now offering Volunteer Orientation class on the same days as our Returning Volunteer classes.

Here are the upcoming training dates:

- Jan. 30, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. (Saturday)
- Mar. 6, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. (Saturday)
- Apr. 8, 2010 @ 2:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- May 1, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. (Saturday)
- Jun. 12, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. (Saturday)
- Jul. 24, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. (Saturday)
- Aug. 28, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. (Saturday)
- Sept. 16, 2010 @ 2:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- Oct. 14, 2010 @ 2:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- Nov. 13, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. (Saturday)

Feel free to call if you want a specific date.

Please do not come unannounced.

Seating may not be available for you and your new LCF identification card will not be available.

Please remember you will be going through security at the training building entrance, bring your ID. Leave your cell phones in the car and do not wear shorts or blue jeans.

Volunteers need to come to training every 12 months, even though your ID may not be expired.



To reach Renda Craft, LCF Volunteer Services Coordinator, you may call (913) 727-3235 ext. 57246 or e-mail her at

RendaC@kdoc.dc.state.ks.us



Volunteer Guests

I still receive lots of questions on this. I will leave this in the newsletters to help you out.

One-Time Visit

If you want to bring in a guest to be a presenter or to recruit them for your group, you can bring them in one time. Please do not ask for visiting relatives or friends to visit.

They must meet a few criteria:

- 1) They must be over 21 yrs old,
- 2) They cannot be on parole or probation
- 3) They must dress appropriately
- 4) They must be aware of what they can and cannot bring into the facility
- 5) We will need to know the reason for the visit

The Volunteer Coordinator or staff

Program Coordinator must be notified 5 or more working days in advance of the date entering. We will need:

- A) the date of visit
- B) which volunteer is escorting
- C) which callout & unit is the visit

This staff person then asks the approval of a Deputy Warden electronically and forwards the approval to the designated entry area.



Chatting With the Chaplains



-Chaplain Don Almond

It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost here and the end of 2009 is

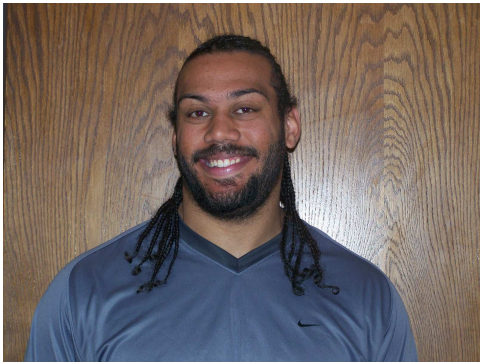
upon us. Allow me to say once again to all of you that participate in the religious programs at LCF a hearty “thank you” for all that you do to assist the chaplains in ministering to our inmates. It goes without saying that you do make a difference in the life of the men here.

When I was in pastoral ministry in Missouri and volunteering in corrections in one of the MO facilities I met a chaplain who told me that when minis-

tering to inmates you must look for victories in small doses. In the past six years at LCF I have also found this to be true. What you do can be built upon by someone else and thus possibly leading to a life changing event in an inmate’s life. The Scriptures tells us that one sows, another waters but God gives the increase. Again, thank you and hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Religious Callouts Clarification

We would like to inform you that we have a policy (General Order 23,102) that the religious groups must have either a volunteer or the inmate group representative present. Religious callouts are cancelled, if no inmate of the group wishes this responsibility or there are no volunteers available.



New Activity Specialist Lawrence Subelka

Welcome, Lawrence to Lansing Correctional Facility!

Mr. Subelka is from the Kansas City area, though he graduated from Louisiana Monroe University. Like most of our Activity Specialist he likes sports such as football and weight lifting. His favorite sport of all is fishing! (I wonder if he has some “fish” stories?)

He works in the evenings and covers the Medium Arts and Craft area from Tuesday through Saturday. Lawrence comes to us with experience in health and fitness. With this in mind, he will be heading up a fitness group of inmates over 40 yr. old offenders. Good luck, Lawrence.



Roger Werholtz Wins Awards Outstanding Corrections Commissioner in the Nation

At its annual awards dinner on December 5th, 2009, the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) honored Roger Werholtz, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Corrections as the outstanding Director of Corrections for 2009.

The award is presented annually to recognize the outstanding ASCA member, and that member's dedication and achievements. ASCA established the award in 1992, to celebrate Michael Francke's contribution to the field of Corrections and his support of ASCA. In 1989, while Director of the Oregon Department of Corrections, Michael Francke was murdered as he left his office in Salem. In 1991, a former Oregon inmate was convicted of his murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Roger joined the Kansas Department of Corrections in 1982 as a Community Corrections Specialist after being the first director of the Wyandotte County Community Corrections Program. He has supervised all three divisions of the Department and has served the people of Kansas in the areas of community mental health, child protective services, and substance abuse prevention and treatment.

Roger holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Kansas and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts from Washburn University. He has also served as a graduate level instructor in the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare.

Making the award announcement, Morris Thigpen, Director of the National Institute of Corrections and recipient of the first Francke Award in 1992, described Secretary Werholtz as a quiet, reserved and influential member who has made major contributions on a state, regional and national basis. He has served as both moderator and instructor for ASCA's All Directors and New Directors Training Programs where he shared his knowledge, experience and insights. Morris further described him as patient, thoughtful and even-handed and credited him with having a wry and dry sense of humor that helps bring difficult issues into perspective. Mr. Thigpen said that as a major player in ASCA's performance based measures project he has worked tirelessly through controversial issues with the committee parsing measure after measure without taking sides and gaining consensus among members about how to measure performance.

In nominating him, Governor Parkinson wrote, "under Roger's leadership, there has been seven percent reduction in the state's inmate population since February 2004 as well as a 53 percent reduction in the rate of monthly parole revocations in Fiscal Year 2009 compared to FY 2003. Kansas has also benefited from Roger's leadership evidenced by a 69% reduction in average number of parole absconders in the last decade." Governor Parkinson said, "these dramatic improvements are just a few of the impressive outcomes achieved by the Department under Roger's leadership which has focused not only on the safe and effective containment of inmates, but has also contributed to public safety by encouraging and assisting offenders to become law abiding citizens."

The Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) is a national organization representing the Directors of Corrections for the 50 States, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and four large urban jail systems. Members also include the Directors of the Correctional Service of Canada, the Administration of Corrections in Puerto Rico, Guam, Saipan, the Virgin Islands, and the Ministry of Corrections in Ontario Canada. The Association's major goals are to influence and shape correctional policy, to identify and serve as a clearinghouse to share with its members proven correctional practices, standards, and performance measures to ensure the furtherance of successful state-of-the-art activities; and to support its membership through a regimen of training and professional development programs designed to enhance member's professional skills and awareness on advancements in the profession.



R3 Mentor Program Rebuilding Community from the Inside Out

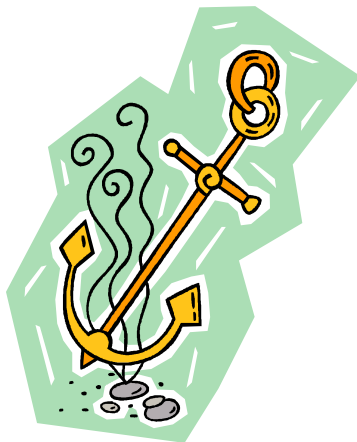
-Christina Wagner

Over the past year the Reentry (R3) Mentor Program has grown from a few volunteer mentors to 15 volunteers that dedicate their time to meet with offenders at Lansing Correctional Facility and in the community. The mentor program is designed to provide pro-social contact for inmates that are 12 months from release and are at high risk of reoffending after released. A mentor can serve as a coach; helping to overcome barriers, make community connections and help inmates practice new skills and develop purposeful relationships.



Over the past year I have interviewed many inmates to gauge if they qualify for the R3 mentor program. One of the common themes I hear is that many of the men have never had a positive male role model in their life. Grown men who have never had someone in their life to encourage, hold them accountable or show them the benefits of being a law-abiding citizen. Thanks to dedicated volunteers we can now begin to expose the men to positive pro-social contacts that can help them focus on positive goals.

Volunteers who go through volunteer and mentor training will be matched with an offender of the same gender approximately 12 months from their release and continue to work with them in the community 6-12 months post release. The goal of the mentors is to be an ANCHOR:



A-Answer Questions
N-Navigate Resources
C-Communicate Effectively
H-Hold Accountable
O-Offer Alternative
R-Reduce Resistance

If you would like to be a part of this program and assist in rebuilding communities from the inside out please contact Christina Wagner at 913-727-3235 extension 57710 or christina.wagner@doc.ks.gov



Started June 2009

Welcome New Volunteers!

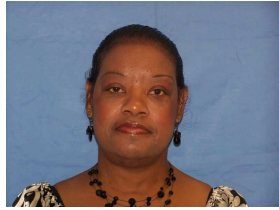
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volunteers to LCF from the
last few months.



Roxanne Beach



Lawrence Bohan



Lillie Gay



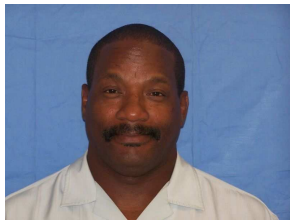
David Green



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Gina Hanna



Reginald Jones



Donald Latimer



Ron Roland



Donald Walker



Robert Wittsitt



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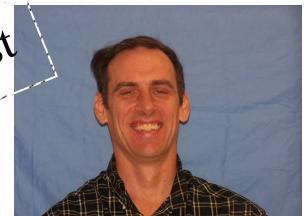
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George Spencer



Christine Strohm



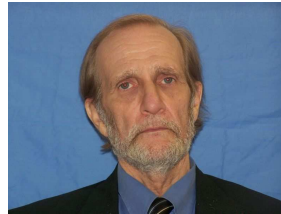
Steve Culey



James Echols



Judy Frey



Greg Hodes



John Murray



Linda Ottinger



Michael Ramos



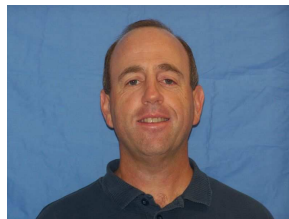
Kent Rathjen



Phillip Redmon

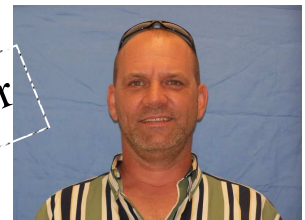


Sheila Robbins



Jeffrey Sharp

Started September



Jeffrey Hord



Jeff Manfor



Laurence O'Donnell



Randy Ringeisen



Deborah Slump

Started October



Douglas Dvorak



Marie Hardy



Andrew Hargrove



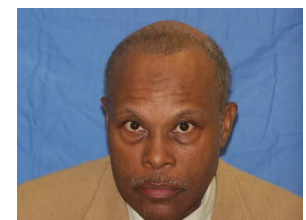
Dewayne Parks



Helen Parks



David Prather



LaClair Shabazz



Steve South



Delois Warlick



Mary Whittsitt



Thomas Winslow

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Sharen Bedrosian



Tonya Bokma



William Brooks



Brennan Delaney



Jim Foil



Margaret Johnson



Tiffani Lewis



Catherine Lucasey



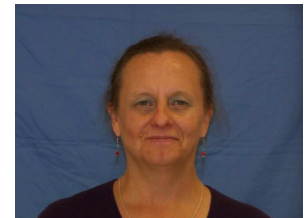
Heather Madgwick



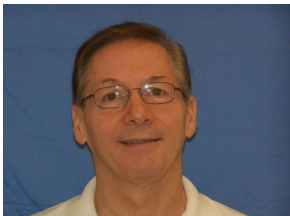
Matt Mills



Myles Murphy



Colleen Nilson



William Ott



Wendy Poth



Aaron Sims



Susan Stevenson



Kelsey Thomsen



Laura Weatherford



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